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SUBJ: 32UN UNGA: ADMISSION SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT OF DJIBOUTI
AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF VIETNAM, SEPTEMBER 21, 1977

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1. SUMMARY. DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT GOULED EMPHASIZED COMMITMENT
TO PROMOTION HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
RIGHTS, AND WORK TOWARD GREATER COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN
STATES IN LONG SPEECH MARKING DJIBOUTI'S ENTRANCE INTO UN.
IN HIS SPEECH, VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH REVIEWED
SRV'S HISTORY AND CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY AND THANKED COUNTRIES,
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ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS WHO HAD CALLED ON US TO CONTRIBUTE
TO HEALING WOUNDS OF WAR. HE ALSO THANKED ALL THOSE FRIENDS,
INCLUDING AMERICAN FRIENDS, WHO HAVE GIVEN AND CONTINUE TO
GIVE SUPPORT TO VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. HE STARTED VIETNAM
PREPARED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH US TO SOLVE
OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS WITH VIEW TO NORMALIZING RELATIONS.
IN OTHER POSITIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US, TRINH

SUPPORTED STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO FOR INDEPENDENCE, CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM KOREA AND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM GUANTANAMO, GUAM, DIEGO GARCIA AND OTHER BASES. END SUMMARY.

2. DJIBOUTI. PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED OF REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI DELIVERED MARATHON ADDRESS FILLED WITH RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL ALLUSIONS TO UNGA SEPT 21 TO MARK DJIBOUTI'S ENTRY INTO UN. GOULED THANKED GOD DJIBOUTI HAD ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT BLOODSHED OR VIOLENCE. HE CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND WARNED THAT TERMS OF TRADE FOR LDC'S CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE WHILE INFLATION DAMAGES THEIR ECONOMIES. HE ALSO STRESSED URGENT ACTION NEEDED IN TARIFF MATTERS. GOULED STATED PEOPLES OF AFRICA HAVE "INALIENABLE RIGHT" TO OBTAIN JUST COMPENSATION FOR COLONIAL EXPLOITATION AND BLAMED COUNTRIES OF NORTH FOR ECONOMIC INJUSTICES AND FOR DIVISION OF AFRICA IN FIRST PLACE.

3. PRESIDENT GOULED EMPHASIZED HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO GOALS OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT STRESSED PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS. GOULED WARNED COUNTRIES OF AFRICA HAVE LONG MEMORY AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OPPRESSORS SHOULD NOT LECTURE OTHERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. GOULED AFFIRMED THAT RACISM AND TORTURE CAN NEVER BE JUSTIFIED. HE DECLARED THAT DJIBOUTI WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERTAKE INITIATIVE FOR CAMPAIGN ON HUMAN RIGHTS IF PUBLIC OPINION ENCOURAGES SUCH A CAMPAIGN.

4. GOULED ALSO STRESSED THEM OF INTERNAL UNITY OVERCOMING TRIBAL DIVISIVENESS AND OF DESIRED UNITY AMONG AFRICAN STATES. HE NOTED DJIBOUTI OCCUPIES "TORMENTED CORNER OF AFRICA" AND SAID DJIBOUTI IS PREPARED TO SEEK REGIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS TO REPLACE CONFRONTATION. GOULED POINTED OUT WAR NOW CAUSING TERRIBLE HARDSHIP TO DJIBOUTI'S NEIGHBORS AND INDIRECTLY TO DJIBOUTI. LATTER'S MAJOR PORT AND RAIL TRAFFIC SUSPENDED AND REFUGEES FROM OTHER STATES NOW COMPRISE ONE-FIFTH OF DJIBOUTI'S POPULATION.

5. VIETNAM. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) NGUYEN DUY TRINH REVIEWED HISTORY OF VIETNAM'S "STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE" IN STANDARD TERMS. HE STATED DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SHOULD HAVE HAD ITS LEGITIMATE SEAT AT UN AS EARLY AS 1945, BUT INSTEAD SUFFERED LONG WAR OF AGGRESSION. TRINH EMPHASIZED NATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT DURING WAR AND REVIEWED DAMAGE TO VIETNAMESE

PEOPLE IN LIFE AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY WAR. HE STATED
POPULATION OF SOUTHERN VIETNAM DRIVEN TO UNEMPLOYEMENT
ILLITERACY AND DEPRIVATION AND MINDS OF POPULATION
POISONED BY NEO-COLONIALISM. TRINH LAUDED VICTORY OF
VIETNAME AND CLAIMED VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE "APPLIED
POLICY OF LENIENCY WITHOUT PRECEDENT" TO EDUCATE THOSE
WHO COOPERATED WITH AGGRESSORS AND TO GIVE BACK CIVIC
RIGHTS TO MOST OF THEM.

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6. TRINH HELD BALANCE OF FORCES IN WORLD NOW RADICALLY
CHANGED IN FAVOR OF "PEACE AND REVOLUTION." REVIEWING
SALIENT POINTS OF SRV'S OWN FOREIGN POLICY, TRINH, IN
FOLLOWING ORDER, STRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH USSR, PRC, AND
OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES; FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH LAOS
AND KAMPUCHEA; FRIENDLY COOPERATION WITH NON-ALIGNED
AND WITH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS; AND COOPERATION
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES BASED ON PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. HE
REITERATED 4-POINT POLICY FOR RELATIONS WITH SEA COUNTRIES.

7. TRINH REAFFIRMED SRV'S SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLES; SUPPORT FOR PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND RACISM; STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLES OF CYRUS, PUERTO RICO, ISLANDS UNDER "TRUSTEESHIP" (REFERENCE TO TTIP), EAST TIMOR, AND WESTERN SAHARA. HE DEMANDED TOTAL AND IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM SOUTH KOREA, SUPPORTED LIBERATION OF TAIWAN BY PRC AND DEMANDED REMOVAL OF US MILITARY BASES FROM GUANTANAMO, DIEGO GARCIA AND OTHER PLACES. HE ALSO CONDEMNED "FASCIST REPRESSION" IN CHILE.

8. ON RELATIONS WITH US, TRINH STATED, "WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS STILL OUTSTANDING WITH A VIEW TO NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THE THANKED COUNTRIES, OR ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONALITIES FOR SUPPORT TO SRV DURING WAR AND IN PRESENT EFFORT TO HEAL WOUNDS OF WAR. HE ALSO THANKED "THOSE GOVERNMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PERSONALITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE UN WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR VOICES TO DEMAND THAT USG CONTRIBUTE TO THIS UNDERTAKING." TRINH EXTENDED "WARM AND FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO THOSE AMERICAN FRIENDS WHO, FOR SAKE OF JUSTICE, HAVE GIVEN AND CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO VIETNAMESE PEOPLE."

9. COMMENT: GOULED AND TRINH RECEIVED ABOUT EQUAL APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE IN PLENARY SESSION AT END OF THEIR SPEECHES. STATEMENTS BY TRINH AND SRV'S ALLIES IN GA INDICATE SRV WILL BE USING UN FORA TO PRESSURE US FOR CONTRIBUTION TO "HEAL WOUNDS OF WAR" AND THAT WE CAN EXPECT ADDED HEAT FROM THAT QUARTER ON SUCH ISSUES AS GUAM AND PUERTO RICO. TRINH'S SPEECH DID NOT APPEAR UNDULY "CONFRONTATIONAL", HOWEVER, AS SRV STATEMENTS GO.

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10. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY GOULED WILL BE POUCHED EMBASSY DJIBOUTI AND DEPARTMENT. TRINH STATEMENT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT. YOUNG

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